

GORGONIA CRASSA ?

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Animal crescens plantæ facie.

Hydræ sparsæ e poris lateralibus.

Stirps radicata, cornea, continua, ramosa, basi explanata, cortice obducta.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

GORGONIA teres dichotoma, ramis crassis adscendentibus, carne violacea.

GORGONIA CRASSA ? G. dichotoma, &c. &c.

Soland. & Ellis Zooph. p. 91.

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Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3806.

Super rupes maris Indici et Americani conspicitur Gorgonia crassa, cujus veram magnitudinem exprimit tabula.



THICK GORGONIA.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal growing with the habit of a plant.

Polypes scattered from the lateral pores.

Stem fixed, horny, branched, covered with a soft bark.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Round-stemmed, dichotomous GORGONIA, with thick, ascendant branches, and violet-coloured bark.

This species of Gorgonia is principally seen on the rocks of the Indian and American seas, and is represented in its natural size.